

# TOMBSTONE EPITAPH

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Three newspapermen in the state are candidates for appointment in the United States Land Office in Arizona. They are Evans T. Richardson, editor of the Casa Grande Times; Col. Thos. F. Weedon, of the Florence Blade-Tribune and Hon. J. J. Birdno of the Safford Guardian. The affairs of the office is certain to fall into capable hands if either land it.

A stranger in the United States might be lead to suppose from the congestion in the cities that there was no room in the country for expansion. There's Milwaukee, for instance, with the whole state of Wisconsin behind it, and yet finding it necessary to limit the height of business buildings to sixteen stories.

Now that Governor Wilson has invited Colonel Bryan to confer with him—not at Bermuda, but at home—on party affairs, the political writers are agog in style on the new cabinet.

After reading belated stories from the Balkan war, we are of the opinion that General Sherman's definition still stands.

It has been discovered that a St. Louis traction company, bonded for \$1,010,000.00 has a real valuation of only \$37,500.00. The difference is entirely in water, and where St. Louis needs water is not on its street railway lines but in the Mississippi.

Shades of Annie Laurie, the Fair Maid of Perth and Highland Mary! A Scotch maid threw her shoe at a judge of Aberdeen.

The new treasurer of the United States must go all over that count again, and only a small part of the currency on hand has been laundered.

Looking forward four years, Colonel Watterson predicts that "in 1916 the contest will be between the possible and impossible in government (democratic sanity and bull moose assinine), complicated by democratic factionism and the ghost of republicanism, unknowing, or unwilling to admit, that it is dead."

It will take the stupendous sum of \$200,000,000 to pay the pensions of the veterans of American wars during the fiscal year. If it takes this great sum to pay the pensions of the veterans fifty years after the war is over, how much will it take in the year 1965, one hundred years after the war?

The Good Fellow movement has swept the country. This idea was thought out by a prosperous business man of Chicago, and was made public by a great newspaper. It is magnificent in its simplicity; this plan of bringing together the men and women who have the purses and desire to carry Christ-happiness to those who would be denied otherwise.

The Parker Post Says: In the great Southwest there is no stream that compares in importance to the Colorado river. There are only two others on the western coast of America that compares at all with it—the Sacramento and the Columbia. The river begins hundreds of miles up in the heart of the Rocky mountains and empties into the gulf of California near the Mexican boundary line. It carries with it an immense amount of water, its course for the most part lying among arid plains where the rainfall is about the scantiest in the country. When the snows melt in the mountains the floods are torrential and very destructive at many points. A bill is pending before Congress for the appropriation of \$50,000,000 to regulate the flow of this river and to store its flood waters. There is no river in the United States whose waters call for regulation more loudly than the Colorado, and none where the storage of the surplus waters can be made of more immediate use promising greater results.

It is true that an Indian can follow the trail for hours without showing signs of exhaustion. But he can't grow chin whiskers to save his life.

The latest number of the Salt Lake Review has a pointed editorial, an abstract of which is as follows: One would naturally suppose the laws would be for the protection of the people and that when an individual has complied with every requirement. On the contrary, a man for instance locates on unoccupied mineral land and lives up to all requirements of the law. His claim is jumped. The natural supposition is that the government will take a hand in the case and oust the intruder, on the contrary, it merely says to the original claimant: "Your cause is just, but you will have to take the matter into the court, and there is no recourse for you except through the decision of the court." From this time forward, therefore, the contest is on the question of which man has the most money with which to fight the case—all of which is manifestly unjust and not the attitude which, it seems, should properly be taken by the government of the country with regard to one of its citizens holding mineral land by location.

Leaders of the late lamented republican party will meet in New York on December 14, and an inventory of the leftovers of the party will be taken, with a view of attempting to resuscitate them again into political activity.

The value of church property in the United States aggregates about 1,500 million dollars. The operating expense of this tremendous plant amounts to 250 millions a year. The owners of this business with a larger invested capital than the United States Steel Corporation, are the 35 million members of the American churches. These figures are cited in the current issue of the Survey by Mr. J. D. McAtee. They are wonderfully impressive in suggesting the enormous possibilities of influence or organized religion in hastening the development throughout the nation of that phase of brotherhood which has been called social and industrial justice.

## News of the State in Condensed Form

Lewis H. Scandland, a well known mining man and prospector, died Thursday morning in Douglas of pneumonia. He was a partner of Horace Douglas, and interested in the Horace mining property near Paradise. He has resided in Arizona for about 25 years and has spent most of his time prospecting and developing mines. Mr. Scandland was 62 years of age and is survived by one brother.

Sheriff Harry Wheeler has written letters to his deputies in Bisbee, Lowell and throughout the county, calling their attention to the duty in the matter of enforcing the anti-gambling laws of the state. It is the desire of the sheriff to enforce these laws to the letter. Slot machines, crap games or any other gambling games will come under the anti-gambling law, and the law will be enforced strictly by the sheriff.

Frank Powers, owner of the World's Fair mine at Patagonia, is making a shipment of high grade ore to San Francisco. Mr. Powers expects to load 1000 sacks of rich ore that will run \$100 to the sack, according to assays. The silver ore will be brought to the railroad under guard all the way to San Francisco.

Ralph Cameron, wife and daughter, arrived in Phoenix the other day and will remain there during the winter months at any rate. Mr. Cameron intends to build a home there before spring. Mr. Cameron will give his attention to mining.

Mrs. Myrtle Byrd, of Douglas, attempted to commit suicide Wednesday night, but a physician being hurriedly summoned, administered antidotes and saved her life. No reason is known for the woman's attempt at self-destruction.

Ralph H. Cameron states that in the deposit of coarse sand and gravel in the Grand Canyon there are millions of dollars' worth of platinum, which has been thoroughly tested by eastern chemists and is pronounced valuable to a remarkable degree. Mr. Cameron is now in Phoenix, having returned recently from Los Angeles. He further states that a Philadelphia syndicate has taken over a group of seven claims half a mile from the rim of the canyon. A platinum plant will be installed and will soon be operating on a large scale.

Charles H. Stevens, a young man not much over 21 years of age, of Phoenix, has had a most eventful career for a youth. He has been absent from his native town two years during which time he fought with the Mexican insurgents, refused an offer to enter the Mexican secret service, and has traveled more than half way around the world. He says that no place looks as good to him as Phoenix and he intends to stay.

A man who has been in the employ of the Mexican Northwestern, or Pearson system, for the past few months, passed through Douglas Wednesday morning and stated that he had left because conditions were too rough for him. He further stated that conditions in Mexico were not so quiet as painted, particularly in Chihuahua, and as he has been in that country for many years some credence is given his story.

The Ninth cavalry band is about to come into its own. It is one of the best military bands in the country, but under the provision of the law it cannot become a money making institution. Ladies of Douglas have planned to show their appreciation of the splendid music rendered on various occasions by arranging for a benefit program, which will go to the boys as a Christmas present from the people.

In the American Bond and Realty Journal of Chicago, for the month of December, is to be found an article devoted to the copper industry of the United States. Arizona ranks first and foremost as a copper producing state. The copper produced in the entire country during the year amounted to 1,097,232,749 pounds.

As a result of being destitute of food supplies and both receiving advances at the same time that a shipment of flour and beans had just crossed into Palomares, Mexico, two forces one federal and the other rebel, made a dash for the little town, each in the hope of reaching there first. An encounter ensued with the result that two soldiers were wounded.

Imports valued at about one million dollars were handled at the customs port between Douglas and Agua Prieta last month, according to the monthly report of the collector made public Saturday. In addition to this there were 5000 cattle imported at Douglas. The report further shows that revolutionary troubles have had less effect than for a long time.

In a collision between an automobile and a wagon, which occurred four miles west of Phoenix on the Yuma road Wednesday evening, Martin H. Dill, a mail carrier, had one hip badly sprained and his right wrist injured. The automobile was not injured nor any of those in the machine.

Gun-toting is being strictly dealt with in Douglas. Judge Rice, of that city, has issued orders that all officers watch for this particular violation of the law, and will give everyone brought before him on that charge, the full limit. A Mexican by the name of Laceran, was recently sentenced to 100 days in jail, as the first example.

Three thousand men are on the payroll of the Ray Consolidated Copper company at the mine at Ray, while 850 more are working at the concentrator and smelter at Hayden. The Ray Consolidated ships 75 car loads of ore daily from Ray to Hayden each carload consisting of 35 tons. The concentrator is treating 600 tons daily. Its maximum is 8000 tons daily. The production of the mine is being rapidly increased.

On Friday last a sad accident occurred when the three year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bingham fell into the Mochizuma canal at Safford, at the old Brewery ranch and was drowned.

Eleven thousand, seven hundred and sixty-two head of cattle were imported into the customs district of Arizona, during the month of November, on which \$45,000 of duty was collected. The aggregate of duties on all imports for the month was \$48,000. In the same time the exports to Mexico amounted to \$815,000. An order has just been received at the customs house, by which all customs officers will be required to wear uniform after February 1st, and the color is changed from the dark blue to the olive drab, similar to the now worn in the immigration service.

The petition as to whether Safford would be kept wet or dry, was laid over until the next meeting, as the board and county attorney were in doubt as to whether the election requires a new registration within the incorporated limits of the town of Safford.

G. W. Craven, of Phoenix, took possession of his three youngest children last Saturday and has disappeared presumably from the state. Mr. Craven had not filed divorce proceedings, but contemplated doing so, and Mr. Craven, knowing this, kidnapped the children.

Agnes McDonald, aged ten years, and Frank McDonald, aged eight, both of Douglas, were severely injured Thursday evening by an automobile driven by a McCole, operating a rent car in Douglas. The little girl suffered a fracture of the right ankle, bruises and cuts about the head and possibly internal injuries. Frank McDonald was rendered unconscious but not seriously hurt.

Deputy Sheriff Holland Bass of Metcalf, had an exciting time Saturday night while placing a Mexican disturber in jail. The Mexican jerked the pistol from the deputy's scabbard and the two men then clinched. Bass finally got the best of the man but not until he had beaten him senseless with the butt of the revolver. He was taken to Clifton and lodged in the county jail.

Within the next three months the "Arizona Good Roads Association Road Maps and Tour Book" will be issued. C. D. Hamilton and Harry Locke, who have been traveling over Arizona in a Ford car gathering information for the publication, are in Phoenix. They have traveled 12,000 miles and feel positive that they have the most complete information about Arizona roads ever collected.

Last Monday the Mohave board of

superior met and opened bids for the \$80,000 bond issue authorized by the people at the special election held in October. While quite a number of bids were received, only one was considered, that of Sutherland & Co., of Kansas City. This bid was for \$80,000 and costs of preparing bonds and lawyer fees and all other costs that might be placed against the issuance of the bonds.

Last Tuesday morning, John W. Lane, a well known lawyer of this county who went to Los Angeles two months ago suffering with a general systematic break down, died at one of the hospitals of that city. His wife was with him when the end came.—Mohave Miner.

A \$100,000 shipment of rich silver ore, one of the most valuable shipments ever made from Arizona, is now being made by Frank Powers of the World's Fair mine at Patagonia.

The Arizona Wesleyan university, soon to be founded by Rev. G. H. Adams in Phoenix, has been formally exempted from taxation by the state tax commission. Exemption was applied for on the ground that the college is to be a theological seminary.

Young Bros. have shipped one of their big churn drills from Courtland to the Alta Camp and the machine should arrive here within a few days. The crew that had charge of the drill at Courtland will be transferred to Alta to run the machine. Supt. Gibbons will get the drilling plant in position to begin operations as soon as possible and it will not cease operations till all the big veins of the Alta group shall have been prospected to a great depth. The first hole drilled is expected to cut the Silverado vein at a depth of 500 feet.

Dr. Richard Frickie of the United States Marine Hospital Service is in Yuma inspecting the Indian school and the reservation.

Levi Young, the big sheep owner, is en route to his headquarters ranch on Miguas mountain, to make arrangements for beginning the drive to the desert for the winter.

The output of the Cananea mines during the month of November is reported to have reached the sum of 8,000,000 pounds of blister copper.

The cotton industry was given a strong impetus Saturday at Phoenix by the organization of the Arizona Egypt cotton company, which will establish cotton gins and cotton presses in various parts of the valley for next season.

The brick chimney or stack at the new smelter of the United States, when completed, The Barker Construction Company, an eastern concern who makes a specialty of this class of work, has secured the contract and the making of brick for the structure has begun. The chimney will have an inside diameter of 30 feet, the wall being 12 feet thick. Its height will be 450 feet.—Prescott Courier.

From this time on express which had formerly been transferred at Benson from the Southern Pacific to the El Paso and Southwestern railway, will be transferred at Tucson. Mail transfer will also be made shortly.

## Salary of Greek Officers

## Cotton Profitably Grown in Arizona

The annual pay of the Greek army officers does not seem to be in accord with the length of their titles. The pay table is as follows:  
Hypostates (brigadier gen'l) \$1,146  
Syntagmarchis (colonel) 1,392  
Antisyntagmarchis (lieutenant colonel) 1,172  
Tegmarchis (major) 1,056  
Lochagos (captain) 720  
Hypolochagos (1st lieutenant) 432  
Anthypolochagos (2nd lieutenant) 384  
Antihypolochagos (adjutant) 264  
But the minister of war gets \$1,800

## Expense of Dem. National Campaign

A Washington dispatch says: It cost the Democratic national committee \$1,159,446 to carry the election for Wilson and Marshall, according to the final statement of contributions filed in the house. Charles R. Crance of Chicago was the heaviest contributor with \$40,000, closely pressed with Cleveland Dodge of New York with \$35,000. There were nearly 90,000 contributors.

## New Saddle for Army Use

The war department is now trying out a new army saddle that has been invented by Captain H. A. Sievert, Ninth Cavalry, who is now stationed at Naco. The war department is already making tests of the saddle at eastern points.

The saddle is of the take-down pattern and will be the first of this kind ever used by the army. A modification of the old McMillan saddle is now being used. The center of the new saddle is of aluminum and the pommel is made of bronze. These are bolted to the sides of the saddle and are detachable. The sides of the saddle are steel rimmed and filled with cork, thus making a comfortable sanitary seat. Sewed to either side is a leather leg guard, so that the leg will not come into contact with the horse.

The saddle can be taken down and made into a small package of four pieces. When taken down it can be carried in an ordinary suit case. Captain Sievert has spent a long time in perfecting his invention and it is believed that the tests of the war department will demonstrate the practicability of the invention.

## Marshall Overlook to Quit Politics

C. A. Overlock, United States marshal, may retire from his office some time within the next few months. He stated Saturday that he had been in politics for the past 25 years and that he would retire now to some business more substantial.

In talking with a representative of the Tucson Star, Mr. Overlock said: "I may retire within a few months from office. I have been in politics and want to start in business of a more substantial nature. I have not decided just when I will send in my resignation."

"As far as the change in administration is concerned, it won't affect me. My term is not up until 1916. I feel sure that the election of Mr. Wilson will have no effect on offices. The presidents for so many administrations have not removed men from office, that I am sure the next president will follow this rule."

## Santa Claus Display in Tombstone

The display windows of the Michon-Mercantile Co., on Allen street, present a charming picture to those who cherish the thought and hope that Santa Claus will no fail them in his annual coming. Here one will find a veritable toyland, so displayed as to meet the desires of the Tombstone youth, mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters alike; and sweethearts, will take pleasure in reviewing this array of Christmas novelties while their minds fondly revert back to similar occasions when their yearnings were appeased with the coming of Santa Claus. This display is of the modern creation, and will prove of interest to the old as well as to the young.

## Cattlemen Leaving Mexico for U. S.

On account of the unsettled conditions in southern and eastern Sonora American cattlemen are beginning to dispose of their holdings until such a time as they may safely and peaceably return to their property.

Among those who will withdraw from Sonora for the time being are R. C. Wilson, a partner of John Hobstead, owning cattle and a ranch at Huapare, just west of the Sonora-Chihuahua line. Cliff Hooker, who owns an adjoining ranch will also get as many cattle out of the country as possible. This movement is brought about by the fact that live stock at the present time away from the railroad is common property and no protection is furnished property owners by the Mexican authorities.

In and about Nacori Chico and Bacadehuachi bandit or outlaw bands seem to have the country at their mercy. Federico Cordova, with his herd is still said to be operating between Mochizuma and the Chihuahua line, without molestation by the federales.

## From Monday's Daily.

W. G. Gilmore returned last evening from a visit to Phoenix, Tempe, Mesa, Morenci and Clifton where he visited the K. of P. lodges of those cities in his official capacity as grand chancellor of the Arizona domain of the order. Grand Chancellor Gilmore has made a visit to nearly all of the subordinate lodges in the state during the past year and reports the order as flourishing and a large growing membership attesting the fraternal interest in Pythian matters throughout the state.

The regular monthly meeting of the Tombstone City Council was convened Saturday evening Mayor Keech presided in the chair and a full representation of city officials present.

The routine business was quickly disposed with, when the matter of installing a street lighting system for the city was brought up and discussed. Mr. John O'Connell, who controls an excellent indoor system of gasoline lighting, offered to erect five gasoline street lamps and give a test exhibition of efficiency for 30 days, agreeing that if the lights do not prove satisfactory the city may order them discontinued and there will be no charges. The proposition was agreeable to the council and, accordingly, the lights will be installed at once, it being the intention of the council—providing he test proves to be satisfactory—to extend the system throughout the city.

N. J. Riley and August Zeller left today for the Rincon mountains where they will look after assessment work on some promising claims in that range.

Billy Buckwell, day clerk at the Gadsden, and who is well known in Tombstone, is suffering from a severely cut thumb, which he received while examining a toy aeroplane. The cut is rather deep and it is thought that an artery was severed.

W. A. Fleve is in the city from the Fiege ranch in the Dragons. He made the trip in his Cadillac touring car.

Mrs. G. W. Swain and daughter, Miss Alice Swain, were called to Douglas Saturday evening on account of the sudden illness of Mrs. Alfred Paul, daughter of Mrs. Swain. Mrs. Paul suffered internal injuries in an automobile accident at Phoenix last month and it is feared her present illness is due to that cause.

Mrs. A. C. Karger, wife of Assistant Clerk Karger of the board of supervisors, left last evening for Bisbee on a visit with friends.

Robert Rhea was an outgoing passenger for Bisbee last evening.

Reports from the Chiricahua mountains tell of blizzards and drifts of snow piled up high. Dry farmers welcome the snow as it means moisture for crops that will be planted later in the spring.

Mrs. W. P. Thompson has accepted a desk position in the office of County Treasurer Hick, a position which she fills with dignity to herself and satisfaction to the office. Mrs. Thompson is an experienced accountant and is familiar with the details of office work.

Keith Preston is in the city from the oil basin section, near Benson.

C. L. Cummings today received a large delivery of fat cattle today from the Moen range on the San Pedro for the local market.